

Remarks/Arguments

Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

Claim 1 has been rejected as indefinite. Claims 1-5, 7, and 9 have been rejected as anticipated by Woolridge, US 4,518,836. Claim 6 has been rejected as unpatentable over Woolridge in view of Suzuki et al., US 5,627,352. Claim 8 has been rejected as unpatentable over Woolridge. Claims 10-12 have been indicated as containing allowable subject matter.

The Examiner's cooperation during the telephone interview of August 3, 2004 is greatly appreciated. As discussed in the interview, the stop element of claim 1, as filed, is not disclosed by the art of record.

Claim 1 has been amended to overcome the indefiniteness rejection of the Office Action. Claim 1 is in condition for allowance.

Claims 10 and 11 have been written in independent form. Claims 10 and 11, as well as claim 12 which depends from claim 11, are in condition for allowance.

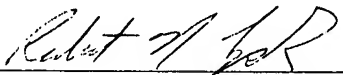
New claim 13 recites the first actuating element (4) being provided with a displaceable stop element (9) distanced from the base body (122) when the first switch (2) is in a non-actuated state, the displaceable stop element (9) abutting the base body (122) when the first actuating element (110) is displaced up to a complete actuation of the first switch (2), the displaceable stop element (9) preventing a displacement of the carrier (134) caused by the first actuating element (4) thereby preventing an actuation of the second switch (132).

The art of record does not disclose a stop element as recited in claim 13. Claim 13, as well as claims 2-9 which now depend from claim 13, are in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, allowance of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the fees for this amendment to our Deposit Account No. 20-0090.

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